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A Word From The Bishop, Rev. Wm Chris Boerger

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Bishop Warner's comment, "You, Lutherans know how to sing", is a wonderful way to describe our recent Synod Assembly. The Assembly planners, the Worship Committee and the Board of Outreach and Evangelism are to be thanked for their good, faithful work. The music and the flow of worship were high points in my reflection on these two days. Thank you.

We should not be surprised by this. We confess that we understand the church to be the people of God gathered around word and sacrament, when we are at worship. This is where we go for inspiration, for challenge, for reflection and for strength. This is where our cares are brought in prayer, our sins are confession and where we receive absolution and new life through the meal shared.

I re-learned the truth that the church is a people in worship and in mission. The two go together. This assembly did worship and it did talk about mission. The challenge now is to gather again in our various sites of worship and to put that mission into action beyond our

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A Word From The Bishop

words.

During the assembly we highlighted some of the transformation that is taking place in our congregations. Rather than find a cookie cutter model for congregational transformation, we are called to gather around the word and the sacrament and to pray the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This is not new, but it is transforming.

I am still reflecting on the positive spirit I perceived in this assembly. It was a good place to be for those two days. From the "Hyper-greeting" of the Synod Council members in the parking lot, the songs sung with gusto, and the serious attention given to the business of the synod, I was privileged to work with you in God's church. There were a few, very few, moments that might have been better, but on the whole, I am pleased with what I saw and heard. I thank God for your faithful work and your willingness to push the synod to expanded ministry. I look forward to our work together.

> **"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. "**
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> **Acts 2:42**

Keeping In Touch

by Ben Bretheim, Synod Global Mission Committee

A *hearty* invitation is being extended to all of our Companion Churches for another get-together at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21. Location to be determined.

Pastor Kirby Unti, St. Matthew in Renton, and Pastor Richard Grinstad, Burlington in Burlington, will tell us of their June 19 through July 2 Companion Synod visit to Ethiopia.

We want to increase the number of Companion Churches committed to building relationships and prayer partners. Please plan on attending if you have contributed to the Economical Church Buildings. You will hear what is happening in the building of churches.

Change In Cluster Dean List

Rev. Larry Thomas from Our Savior in Issaquah is the new Dean of the East King Cluster. You can reach Pastor Thomas at 425-392-4169 or at lethomas@oslcissaquah.org.

News From The Synod

Pre-Retirement Seminar Planned

Due to high demand, another Pre-Retirement Seminar conducted by the ELCA Board of Pensions is scheduled for Nov. 14-15 (Friday and Saturday). It is already partially filled with those people from the June workshop waiting list. Contact Donene at the Synod Office ASAP if you and your spouse are interested in attending, 206-783-9292 or 800-244-6997.

Sharing Our Gifts

Voting members, visitors, volunteers and observers shared their gifts throughout the Assembly, but most noticeable were our offerings. Our offerings totaled $8,528.

This year's offerings were equally divided between Church of the Apostles (COTA) in Seattle and Tierra Nueva del Norte in Skagit County.

COTA is a mission outreach to the postmodern generation. Tierra Nueva del Norte is an ecumencial ministry that seeks to share the good news of God's love with new immigrants and permanent Hispanic residents in Western Washington.

To learn more about these two mission congregations visit the synod website at www.lutheransnw.org.

Retreat For Rostered Personnel And Spouses

The Northwest Washington Synod Bishop's Convocation will be held from Thursday, October 23, through Saturday, October 25, at Harrison Hot Springs, B.C. This is a retreat that is for all rostered personnel and spouses.

Keynote speaker for the event is Rev. Mark Hanson, presiding bishop of the ELCA. He will be with us for the whole convocation.

Registration deadline is September 8. This date is a fixed date. The Convo Committee will be confirming the number of rooms and meals for this event after the 8th. Don't delay.

For a registration form visit the synod website at www.lutheransnw.org. Click on *Bishop Convo* under *Spotlight* on the home page.

Cost is $195 for double occupancy.; $310 for single occupancy.

Make checks payable to the Northwest Washington Synod. Registration includes two nights lodging and use of all resort amenities, an evening banquet on Thursday, two deluxe continental breakfasts and two coffee breaks. Driving directions and more information about Harrison Hot Springs can be found at www.harrisonresort.com.

Kneaded by the Master—2003 Synod Assembly Update

by Margit Peiffle, Communication Specialist

Call Process Resolution Passed—

The *Call Process Resolution* allowed for the previous policy (1989, rev.1993) to be reviewed and updated to meet the current situation of the church, that is, we are no longer a new body of merging entities but now have an identity of our own. The new policy was written to give more flexibility to pastors and more autonomy to congregations, while maintaining the integrity of a unified process that reflects the connection with the larger church.

Some of the specific changes include: pastors may interview in as many congregations as they are invited to but when their name is brought forward to the congregation for a vote, they must withdraw from other processes; there is a new clause requiring an 80 percent (rather than 2/3) vote for nominees that are already serving in a particular congregation and are being considered for another position in that congregation; there is a clear statement that interim pastors are not eligible for calls in the congregations they are presently serving; there is a provision for congregations to determine their own process for interviewing; there is a recognition that technology may provide new ways to interview recognizing that interviews in person are the norm.

All Our Children Resolution Passed—

One person can make a difference! One of our members has committed to giving $1,000.00 as seed money to support the Lutheran World Relief program, *All Our Children*. Because of her concern for children and families of war-torn Iraq, her church council approved a resolution to bring to the Northwest Washington Synod Assembly. The assembly overwhelmingly approved congregational and individual support of this important program.

Lutheran World Relief continues to rank among the highest international relief and development agencies in program effectiveness, leadership and financial management, and has earned awards for excellence in responsible stewardship of all donations.

The *All Our Children* program is a people-to-people campaign to bring lifesaving supplies needed now in Iraq. It will help children in Iraq survive infectious diseases and widespread deprivation. Funds will be used for medicines, surgical sets, nutritional supplements for infants and nursing mothers, improved sanitation and clean water.

Monetary gifts will supply emergency medical assistance to four primary health centers

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which treat 1,850 patients daily, 70% to 80% of which are children and for 10 days in April they treated 20,350 patients.

The initiative will provide the basic needs of children, improve the living conditions of vulnerable children, and identify and register children separated from their families with the aim of reunion with their families as quickly as possible.

One person can make a difference. You can make a difference!

Freed In Christ Resolution Passed—

The Freed In Chirst Resolution invites all people of our synod to take the anti-racism training, and that this process be completed in two-years. The Anti-Racism Committee held their first training for Synod Council members at an all-day session on Saturday, June 14.

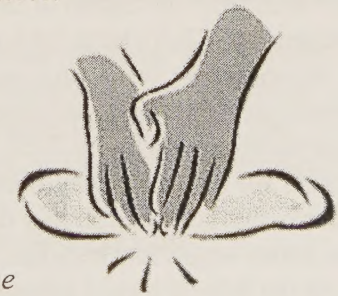
For more information about the ELCA's Social Statement please visit www.elca.org/dcs/socialstatements.html. This statement was adopted in 1993 by more than 2/3rds of the assembly.

Support of Quilters Resolution Passed—

God calls each of us in Micach 6:8 to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God. At this year's assembly voting members spoke with their votes as they showed their support of the women and men who have made the more than 381,000 quilts that were distributed in 2002. The resolution asks that pastors visit their congregational quilting groups, express gratitude and encourage members to consider giving to LWR and the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Conviction of the Doctrine of Marriage Resolution Tabled—

The Conviction of the Doctrine of Marriage Resolution was tabled until a future date.



Editor's Note: For more information about the assembly please visit www.lutheransnw.org. Available at the site are photos, resolutions and daily newsletters.

State Advocate's Corner

by Rev. Paul B. Benz, Director; Lutheran Public Policy Office

Summer greetings to all of you. Summer is indeed a wonderful time of the year to relax, vacation, enjoy family, friends and life! I trust and pray we will all be able to do that!

In the midst of summer, though, *life* in the world moves on. The advocacy work and ministry of the church, just like the rest of the work and ministry of the church, never really goes on vacation. Here are a few advocacy updates and opportunities for you and your congregation.

First, the state budget ('03-'05) is finally done! However, there should be much **alarm** in the religious community about this budget.

Why? We can do better in caring for the poor and vulnerable.

Who are the poor and vulnerable? Those who are the children, unemployed, mentally ill, homeless, those without health insurance and the elderly. This list I'm sure is missing some folks.

Funding for many of the programs that serve these people is inadequate and is one of the cumulative reasons why this state ranks second in the nation in terms of 'food insecurity' (USDA's term for hunger).

Secondly, the home care worker contract process was undermined and not honored (approved by Int.775). Home care workers are on the bottom of the economic ladder in this state and simply deserve to have better wages and benefits.

At the federal level I encourage you to send a letter or email to your congressional representative advocating for increased funding for the three critical anti-hunger programs of the Child Nutrition Act which is currently being reauthorized in Congress (WIC-Women, Infant, Children; Food Stamps; and School Breakfast and Lunch). This letter was used and signed by many at the synod assembly. For a copy of this letter contact me at the Lutheran Public Policy office.

In closing it would be very appropriate during the month of July when the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is in assembly on our continent (Canada) that we advocate that the LWF hospital (Augustus Victoria) continue to have a tax exempt status that it has enjoyed for over 30 years with the state of Israel. Please contact your U.S. Senators and your congressional representative about this important matter. Lutheran Public Policy did an email alert on this back on May 30. If you need another copy let me know and I will forward it to you.

As always I covet your invitations for me to come and present to any congregational setting (especially on Sunday morning to 'teach & preach') about our ELCA's advocacy ministry and how your congregation can be involved. And your financial contributions are most welcome as well to build and make this ministry more effective. Contact me at pbenz@lcsnw.org or at 206-694-5772.

God's gracious blessings of peace and enjoyment to you this summer!

An Inviting Church

by Margit Peiffle, Communication Specialist

In his book *Faithful Yet Changing: The Church in Challenging Times*, Bishop Mark Hanson provides a perspective on how to be an inviting church.

"There are many people who have never heard the story of Jesus, but there are also those who once knew it and have left it behind," writes Bishop Hanson. "There need to be many doors through which one enters the community of the church. The front door of worship is one, but there are also side doors: day care, a support group for divorced people, Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, parenting classes, preschools, public advocacy for justice." (pages 44 and 48)

We do have another side door. This side door is our radio ministry and is called *Lutheran Vespers.*

Walt Wangerin, pastor, teacher and host of *Lutheran Vespers*, has been sharing stories of faith for many years. He puts himself in the place of his listener, speaking to one person, not to thousands. He speaks about how grace is central to our faith. He shares with us how we can find God in common things and proclaim Christ in our lives.

Here in the Puget Sound area, listeners hear Walt Wangerin share his faith stories on Sunday mornings. Listen to the program at 7:30 am. on KTTH 770AM (a Seattle station) or at 7 am. on KAPS 660 AM (a Mount Vernon station).

You might be wondering if people are really listening to the program. The answer is unequivocally yes. How many people listen depends on the month. Using Arbitron numbers (radio industry measurement) we can say that between 17,000 and 38,000 people listen to all or part of the program each week. As you can see, we are reaching people with *Lutheran Vespers.*

And, through *Lutheran Vespers*' side door we can invite others to Christ.

We Need Your Help—The *Lutheran Vespers* account is at a critically low balance. At the end of May there was a total of $650 in the account. Our costs are $650 per week on KTTH and $100 per week on KAPS. We need your support or there will not be the funds to keep *Lutheran Vespers* on the air. Please consider giving to our radio ministry. Contact Ernie Fosse at 425-706-0136 or at erniefo@microsoft.com; or contact me at 360-403-9870 or at mpeiffle@msn.com.

Summer Vacation Fun

Time is short and summer is a coming. Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center just south of Bellingham is looking campers: kids and families.

It's not too late for you to register your kids for summer camp. A fun-filled, Christ-centered week at camp awaits your kids: tubing, waterskiing, wakeboarding, hiking, canoeing, swimming, archery and more. Camperships are available through the generous support of local congregations.

Or, are you thinking about camping as a family? Two family camp weekends are scheduled: July 25-27 and August 15-17 (the quilt auction is on this weekend too!)

Give us a call at 360-734-7652, check out our website www.camplutherwood.org and come to camp this summer.

A Few Good Mowers

Lutherwood is looking for a few good Christians with servant hearts.

This summer we want to start the Lutherwood Mowers Corp. What is that? We need folks to come up once a week to mow and weed. I have yet to count the acres of lawn, but I dare say it may be two or more acres. Would you love to drive the John Deere tractor that has a six-foot mowing deck? We will train you. Its **fun**, take it from me (Bob Merrill). It's my favorite thing to do at camp. You must be 21 or older to apply. Come with a servant's heart and have fun. We will feed you lunch.

Please contact me at 360-734-7652 or at bob.merrill@camplutherwood.org.

Summer Leadership Conference

The Youth and Family Institute at Concordia College in Saint Paul, Minn, has set the dates for its 6th Leadership Conference. The Conference will be held August 4 through 8 at Concordia University. Keynote speakers are: Dr. Gary Funderson, Dir. of Interfaith Health Program, Emory University; Dr. Dick Hardel, Dir. of Vision and Creative Ministries, The Youth and Family Institute; Dr. Daniel Olson, Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling, Wartburg Theological Seminary; Dr. Wendy Wright, Professor of Theology, Creighton University; and Dr. David Anderson, Dir. of Home and Congregational Renewal. Registration costs is $430 per person. Housing is available at Concordia University for $125.00 per person, double occupancy. More details can be found at www.theInstitutefrw.org.

Quilt Auction

The Lutherwood quilt auction has become a favorite for all. This year's auction will be held on August 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Lutherwood. Not only will quilts be auctioned off, but you will be able to get outside and experience all the wonders of Lutherwood! This event is used exclusively to raise money for our campership fund to help send kids to camp. To find out how you can help and/or donate a quilt contact Tyler Wagner at tyler.wagner@camplutherwood.org.

Caring and Listening Ministries Lab 1

Caring and Listening Ministries Lab 1 will be held on October 10-12 and November 7-9, 2003, at Sammamish Hills in Sammamish. Both weekends are required for certificate of completion. Cost is $100, meals and materials are included. For a brochure with full details, please contact Sammamish Hills at 425-392-7799.

Conversation and Sharing

At Head of Ministry Staff Gathering

The Summer 2003 Head of Ministry Staff Gathering will be held from 10 am to 2 pm on Aug. 26, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6215 196th Street SW, Lynnwood.

Hosts and presenters are Pastor Paul Sundberg and Pastor Mark Reitan. The purpose of this gathering is to facilitate conversation, collegiality and shared resources among the heads of ministry staff in the Northwest Washington Synod.

For more information, or to sign-up, please contact Pastor John LaMunyon, Sammamish Hills in Sammamish, at prjohn@shlc.org or at 425-392-7799.

Free

Digital Duplicator Ink and Masters Risograph: G1 ink: 3 hunter green, 1 black and 4 medium blue. Also, S-568LA Masters: 4 rolls; and Savin 3300: Ink 14 boxes of Teal (EDP code-893986). Contact Mary Jones, Sammamish Hills, at 425-392-7799.

Board of Pensions Update

Health Plan Information For Members With Standard Benefits—Aetna began administering all Standard Benefits effective June 1. This change does not affect members with primary coverage under Medicare and ELCA Supplement to Medicare Benefits. For more information see www.elcabop.org/benefit_plans/health_benefits/standard_benefits.asp.

Notice For ELCA Employers—Send your remittance for housing equity and salary reduction on or after the date specified on your billing statement. The remittance is intended to match the member(s) pay cycle and should not be sent until the salary reduction has actually been withheld. Questions? Contact www.elcabop.org/contact_us.

2004 Contribution Rate—Preliminary 2004 contribution rates for the ELCA Health Benefits Plan are expected by the end of this month. Preliminary rates will be mailed to sponsoring ELCA congregations and other employers, and will online at qww.elcabop.org/benefit_plans/cost_coverage.

Dependent Coverage—Has your child just graduated? Have a child heading to college next fall? Want to know more about your child's eligibility for ELCA health coverage? View or download information at www.elcabop.org/resources_tools/downloads (select Health and Wellness).

Sharing 50 Years

On Saturday, July 19, Prince of Peace in Shoreline will mark its 50th Anniversary by hosting a community festival of *Good-Ol'-Summertime Fun* for friends and neighbors. Bring a nonperishable food donation and come on down to join in the celebration.

The festival kicks off at noon with performances every half-hour by talented local musicians performing on an outdoor sound stage. The salmon barbecue gets underway at 1 pm and lasts until 5 pm.

Kids of all ages will want to make the arts and crafts projects from around the world. There will be clowns and face painting, too. Tour the Narthex art exhibit and displays. Peek in the sanctuary to see the beautiful stained glass windows invisible from the street. Pause for a reflective moment to drop a prayer request in the prayer box.

You won't want to miss the day's featured entertainer, Stan Boreson, *King of Scandinavian Humor.* Stan's show starts at 5 pm.

The event closes with an evening candlelight service at 6 pm, during which time all prayer requests received during the day will be read.

Proceeds from the sale of food will benefit two local community social service agencies: The Compass Center and Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHNS). North Helpline of Lake City and Hopelink of Shoreline will receive all food donations.

LWF Guests Visit Holden

As an extension of the Lutheran World Federation's (LWF) Tenth Assembly July 21-31 in Winnipeg, Canada, the LWF in conjunction with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), will provide post-assembly visitation programs in the United States and the Caribbean. There are 25 separate sites that will host post-assembly visits within the ELCA. And, one of the sites is Holden Village. Delegates will be visiting Holden from August 3 to 8.

These post-assembly programs are open to non-delegates. Information about the LWF Assembly visitation program can be found at www.lwf-assembly.org/visitation/html or at www.elca.org/dgm/lwf.

Rev. Carol Jensen, St. John United in Seattle, is an LWF delegate. She can be reached at 206-784-1040 or at revcjen@aol.com.

Mediation Skills Training

for Church Leaders

The Mediation Skills Training Institute presented by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC) in Seattle will be held September 22-26 at the Seattle Mennonite Church, 13773 30th Ave NE, Seattle. Cost is $595 for registration prior to August 22. For more information visit the website at www.lmpeacecenter.org, or telephone 630-627-0507.

Image and Spirit

In the recently released *Image and Spirit: Finding Meaning in Visual Art,* author Karen Stone provides a theological and aesthetic background for a view of art as visible Word—as embodiment of the transcendent.

Geared to the nonspecialist, the book develops the reader's ability to interpret and appreciate artworks, of any style and from any period, from a spiritual perspective.

Karen Stone is an instructor of art at the University of Texas at Arlington, and the art specialist for the Fort Worth Independent School District. She has lectured extensively on art and religion, and her work has appeared in dozens of group and solo exhibits. To order, call Augsburg Fortress Publishers at 1-800-328-4648 or visit www.augsburgbooks.com. ISBN: 0-8066-4550-4; Price: $16.99.

New Leadership Program

at Seattle University

The School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University in Seattle recently announced a new pastoral leadership program called *Sustaining Pastoral Leadership*. This new, yearlong program will begin in Sept. 2003 and continue in monthly two or three-day segments through July 2004. Participants will earn 15 graduate credits and a Certificate of Pastoral Leadership. Tuition is set at $5,800, scholarships are available. Contact Rev. Tim Phillips at 206-709-7749 or email at phillipt@seattleu.edu.

Ethics in Leadership

Searching for Faithful Leaders

Lutheran Education Network and Support (LENS) is pleased to announce its 14th Biennial Theological Conference at Holden Village. The Conference will be held Monday, September 22, through Thursday, September 25.

The event promises to be an excellent event featuring a great combination of theological dialogue and rest/recreation. This year's speakers are Senator Paul Simon, Dr. Sharon Daloz Parks and Rev. Cecil L. "Chip" Murray.

Paul Simon is a professor at Southern Illinois University where he teaches classes in political science, history and journalism. Dr. Parks is an associate director and faculty at the Whidbey Institute in Clinton, Wash. Rev. Murray became pastor of a 300 member congregation in 1977 and, today, that congregation has more than 17,500 members.

The Conference will begin at 1 p.m. on Monday and end at 1:45 p.m. on Thursday. Cost is $229 per person and includes tuition, room, meals and regular boat fare. A $75 per person deposit is required by August 15.

Registration is limited to 225 participants. For more information contact LENS at 360-297-1246 or by email at bwinkel@msn.com. Or, write to Rev. Bob Winkel at P.O. Box 1209, Kingston, WA 98346-1209.

JUST 4 YOUTH!

There are several different "varieties" of events, all focusing on different aspects and opportunities of leadership for you to send your congregation's young people to this summer. All of these events will be happening at the same time in the same place, so bring your whole group! July 27-31 at Trinity Lutheran College, Issaquah.

Rainbow of Gifts—focuses on Multicultural youth leadership development. Cost is $125 per person and includes housing, meals and program.

Holy Commotion—equips youth interested in leadership through music, dance & drama, providing training in: Serving vs. Performing; The "art" of worship design; Integrating music, dance & drama; Technology and Worship ; and Workshops on Keyboard, Percussion, Guitar/Bass, Dance and Drama. Cost is $215 per person and includes housing, meals and program.

Discipleship 2003 (formerly Leadership Training School)—is open to students entering 10th and 11th grades and will explore: What are my Spiritual Gifts?; What is my Style?; About what am I Passionate?; and How can I Use My Gifts?

Evergreen Youth Television (EYTV) Summer Camps—EYTV summer camp is scheduled for July 23 through August 3. For more information contact Dave Ellingson at dave@eytv.org.

Discipleship 2003—discover gifts, style and passion for ministry leadership for 10th and 11th grade youth from July 28-31. Cost is $135 per person. Contact: Janet Cederberg; at janetc@oslcissaquah.org or at 425 392-4169 for more information.

Registration Materials for all events are in the JustAboutEverythingPages. For further information, please contact Rachel Gomez-Acosta, Congregational Ministry Assistant, Region 1, at 206 624-0093 x113 or email: rgomezacosta@msn.com.

Two Openings

at Sammamish Hills

Applications and job descriptions for both positions can be found at www.shlc.org.

Director of Christian Education—This position provides overall leadership for Christian education for preschool through 12th grade at Sammamish Hills. Works in concert with staff, lay leadership and members to ensure effective and safe ministries in the areas of Sunday morning education, vacation Bible school and special events. Half-time. Open until filled.

Communications Specialist—Works in concert with staff and lay leadership of Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church to ensure effective communication of all ministries of the congregation to the congregation and to the general public. This includes, but is not limited to, disseminating information through publications, media, and the SHLC website. This position is also responsible for guiding Sammamish Hills into the future of communications with the best methods and at the best costs available. Full time. Open until filled.

Organist/Pianist Needed

Gloria Dei at Alderwood Manor seeks an experienced organist/pianist. Salary will be competitive with AGO guidelines.

Contact Pastor Gary Rothenberger at 425-776-2444 or Worship Director Kari Strong at 425-745-5378.

Operations Supervisor

Evergreen Youth Television, nonprofit company specializing in youth camps for video development and video production for nonprofit organizations is looking for an Operations Supervisor to manage a 3 to 4 person office. Duties include develop and manage annual budget, supervise office staff, act as liaison, manage office communications, oversee the management of several projects, and assist with outside sales and marketing.

Desired skills required include strong writing and communication skills, strong computer skills including knowledge of basic MS Office software, strong marketing skills, basic video development and production, and previous supervisory experience.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent work experience desired. Job is 25 - 30 hours a week, and salary DOE.

Youth Ministry

The Organization of Whatcom Lutheran Youth is a newly formed joint youth ministry sponsored by the four ELCA congregations in and around Bellingham. Successful candidate will develop and administer youth programs; recruit and train youth leaders; and serve as a liaison. The position is full-time, includes benefits. Send resumes to: Tammy Linn; P.O. Box 845; Ferndale, WA 98248; or contact Penny Pittis at 360-733-6749. Position open until filled.

News and Notes

- **Bonhoeffer, a feature-length documentary,** received media attention when it was first presented at the Sundance Film Festival earilier this year. The movie is produced by Journey Films and was funded in part by the Lilly Endowment. For more information visit www.bonhoeffer.com. **The Northwest Film Forum in Seattl**e will be showing the movie from July 25 through July 27. Check out dates and times at www.nwfilmforum.org.
- Congratulations to **Pastor John LaMunyon, Sammamish Hills in Sammamish,** who received this year's Distinguished Ministry as Parish Pastor award. The presentation was made at PLTS 50th anniversary Founder's Day Celebration and Festival of Ministry in the West.
- **St. James in Seattle** is up and running on the web. Check out the site at www.westseattlechurches.com.
- **And, one more note from St. James in Seattle.** The congregation has three noteworthy honors: **Lloyd Kautz** was a nominee for the Seattle P-I Jefferson Award for his work as volunteer chaplain to young people at the King County Detentions Center; **Kris Anderso**n was named Student of the Semester at his high school; and **Eldon Olson** was named Counselor of the Year by the Northwest Area American Association of Pastoral Counselors.

Rev. Timothy F. Lull

The Rev. Timothy F. Lull, president and professor of systematic theology, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (PLTS), Berkeley, Calif., died May 20 of complications following surgery. He was 60.

"The church has lost a great theologian, a great leader and a great friend," said the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the ELCA.

Born in Fremont, Ohio, Lull was a graduate of Williams College, Williamstown, Mass. He earned a bachelor of divinity degree from Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., and master of philosophy degree and doctorate from Yale Graduate School, New Haven. He was ordained in 1972 and served as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Needham, Mass., while an instructor at the Yale Divinity School. Lull joined the faculty of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1977. In 1989 he became academic dean of PLTS, and became the seminary's sixth president Jan. 1, 1997.

Lull authored "Called to Confess Christ" and "My Conversations with Martin Luther," and he edited "A Common Calling" and "Martin Luther's Basic Theological Writings." Since November he has written the monthly "Our Faith" column for *The Lutheran.*

Lull and his wife were the parents of two adult sons. Lull is also survived by his grandson and by his sister — the Rev. Patricia J. Lull, dean of students, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

Within Our Family

Within Our Family depends upon you--not only for prayers, but also your prayer requests. Please contact the Synod office with any additions to this column.

To Keep in Our Prayers....

† **Those who are serving in the military with prayers for their safety and peace.**

† **John Corkran, synod council member,** who is continuing to heal from hip surgery at the end of May.

† **The family of Rev. Timothy Lull** who died on May 20 of complications following surgery. Rev. Lull was president and professor of systematic theology, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif. (See page 14)

† **The family of LuVerne (Vern) Rieke**, member of Faith in Seattle. His service was held at Faith on May 20. For many years Rieke had been a very active lay person in the synod.

† **Rev. Paul Wuest** who has had a recurrence of cancer and is undergoing treatment at this time. He is now on disability. Cards may be sent to: 12718 SE 254th Ct.; Kent, WA 98031; prwuest@attbi.com. He was serving as the interim pastor at Holy Cross, Bellevue.

† **The family of Rev. Irl "Chris" Schahrer** who died on May 14 after an illness with Alzheimer's. He was born in Glendale, AZ, and attended Chicago Theological Seminary in Illinois. He was ordained in 1951 and retired in 1982 and served congregations mostly in California.

† **Lori Cavender, Director of Ministries for Children and Youth at Peace, Seattle.** Lori is having difficult complications with her MS. Cards may be sent to her at Peace Lutheran Church, 8316 - 39th Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98136.

† Ten-year-old **Emily Warner**, granddaughter of **Rev. Paul and Karen Gabrielsen (ret.).** Emily has had a recurrence of cancer and no further treatment is possible. Her prognosis is not good. Cards may be sent to: Rev. Paul and Karen Gabrielsen; 12414 - 89th Place NE; Kirkland, WA 98034.

† **Phil Young, husband of Linda Albert Young.** Phil was diagnosed with leukemia and is receiving treatment at Northwest Hospital in Seattle. Linda was the office assistant at the synod until 2001. Phil and Linda have a two-year old son, Gabriel.

† **Rev. Eric Ranum** as he heals from his radiation treatments for his brain tumor. Updates on his condition are posted at www.Trinitylutheran-cda.org.

† **Rev. Robert Moylan (ret.)** as he deals with progressive muscular dystrophy.

† **Rev. Jim Schoeld (ret.)** as he learns to do new things.

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